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ontario tourism 1999/2000 Marketing Plan

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Ontario's Tourism Market Share: Much More to Discover...

Tourism is big business throughout the world and it's getting bigger: Worldwide tourism-based revenue is expected to triple, to US$1.5 trillion, over the coming decade. Virtually every region in the world is investing in tourism infrastructure and programs, and the competition among countries, regions and individual operators is getting increasingly aggressive. Tourism is driven by customers, not sellers, and today's consumers are more sophisticated and demanding than ever. They're also less easy to categorize, identify and quantify, therefore it's more challenging for marketers to reach them. In most areas of the world, consumers in the major tourism market segments are better educated, more affluent, more adventurous, older – and they're becoming more selective and demanding in their choice of vacation destinations and activities.

All of this points to significant growth opportunities for Ontario and its diverse tourism industry. Tourism is Ontario's fifth largest export industry, generating over $13 billion for the provincial economy and employing over 400,000 people. By increasing its market share through a more strategic and cohesive approach to marketing, Ontario's tourism industry has the potential to get much bigger.

The fact remains, however, that Ontario tourism has been losing ground. Since the late 1980s, the province's share of worldwide tourism receipts has fallen from 1.5% to 0.96%. In part, this was a result of declining public sector investments in tourism marketing – from $26 million in 1990-91 to $10.8 million in 1996-97, a reduction of almost 60% – at a time when most other provinces and competing US and foreign jurisdictions stepped up their marketing efforts aggressively. A second major factor was the lack of effective coordination and collaboration between public and private sector marketing and promotion. This has resulted in program duplication, fragmentation and dilution, and an overall lack of consensus among Ontario's tourism stakeholders.

Through a variety of efforts undertaken by the private and public sector, both separately and collectively, each of these key constraints has been addressed. Starting in 1998-99, the Ontario government approved recommendations of an industry-government tourism task force: first, by committing $120 million to tourism marketing over four years. Second, and equally important, the province's tourism marketing programs have been redesigned with the aim of facilitating the development of an effective public-private sector business partnership. Increasingly, as this partnership takes form and shape over the coming months, private sector input, collaboration and leadership will provide the driving force for an exciting and powerful new marketing system.

Industry Vision: A Working Partnership That Really Works

For Ontario's private and public tourism sectors alike, the 1999 marketing plan represents a turning point in the approach and strategic focus with which Ontario tourism will be marketed and promoted throughout the world.

In 1999, as a transition towards fully research-driven marketing strategies, Ontario Tourism has led the development of this year's marketing plan, working in conjunction with tourism associations and business operators. To make the plan more responsive and more flexible, Ontario Tourism will continue to rely on active industry participation and input throughout the year. In subsequent years, direction and leadership of the public-private sector partnership will be primarily industry-based. Programs will be developed and initiated through the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership, to be established in April 1999; the partnership will comprise a cross-section of business leaders and stakeholders representing all facets and regions of Ontario's tourism industry. To better accommodate the planning requirements of the industry, this year's marketing plan applies to the full calendar year, rather than the Ministry's fiscal year, and provides operators with more lead time for planning and implementation. Expectations are that as industry takes proactive leadership in the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership, this plan will evolve to address newly identified opportunities.

The 1999 marketing plan reflects the investment strategy proposed initially by the Tourism Marketing Task Force, which focuses on three key components:

- Increased year-round domestic and US advertising campaigns
- Development of new small-scale events in response to high demand niche market opportunities
- Accountability: Ongoing tracking and measurement of program performance and return on investment

A New Process

In 1999, public funding support of private sector initiatives will provide for a fee-for-service approach in selected cases. Industry partners, including the Ontario Travel Association Program (OTAP) and other associations, organizations and private consortia, will have the opportunity to bring tourism investors into a variety of private-public partnership marketing programs. These programs will include those listed in the province's 1999 marketing plan, as well as new proposals initiated by OTAPs and private stakeholders. (For further information, contact Narvin Singh, 416-325-2761).

A New, Hands-on Approach

The 1999 marketing plan is designed to serve as a practical working tool that will assist tourism operators and stakeholders in the development, planning and execution of their respective 1999 marketing programs.

Tie-in and Buy-in

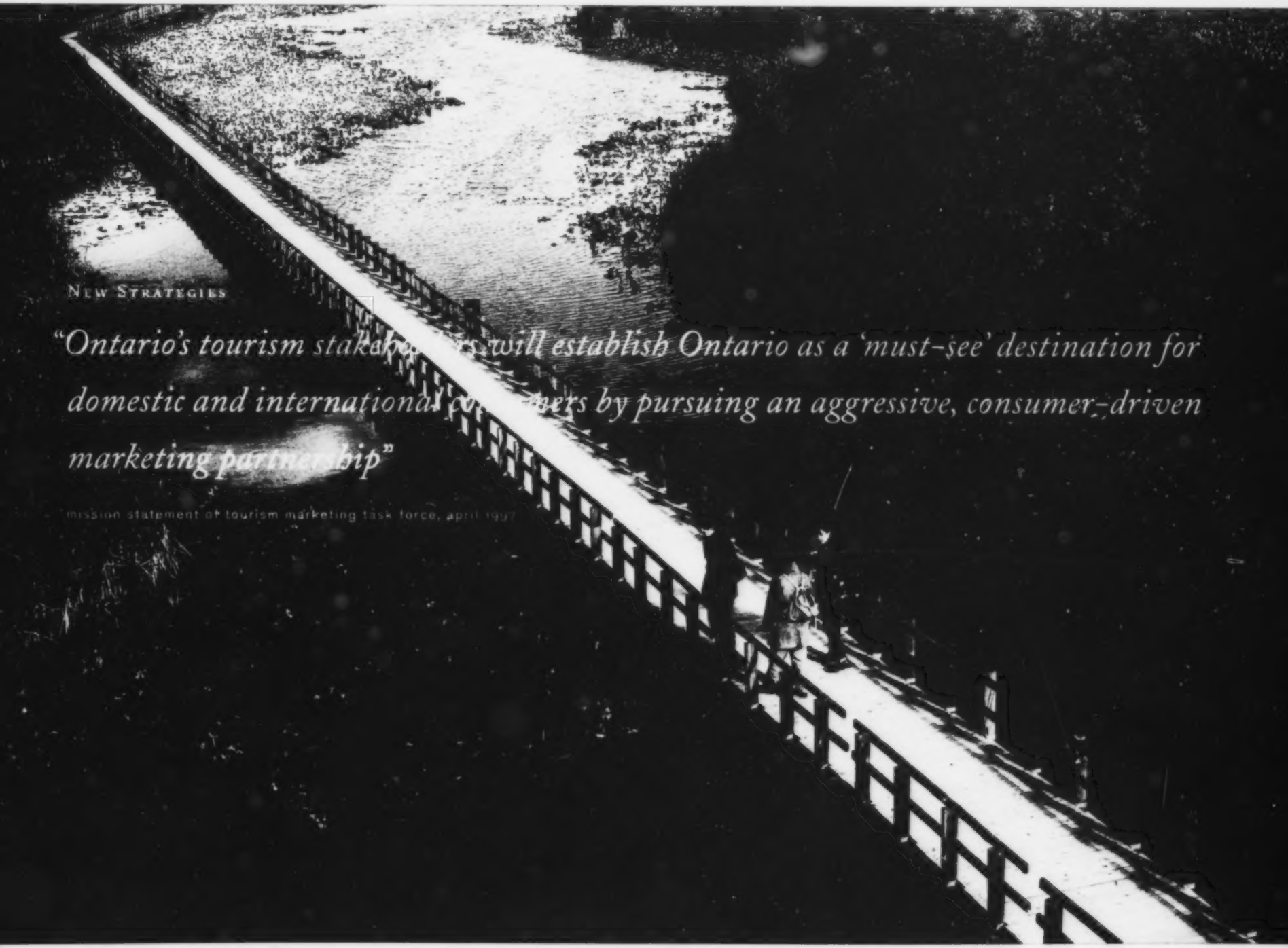
The marketing plan provides details on the province's existing and proposed programs, including program schedules, production logistics, booking requirements and notional cost parameters. Included are planning charts and worksheets that will make it easier to identify and assess each program, and to select, cost out, sign on, or simply find more information about each element of interest.

New Ideas Welcome, New Proposals Invited

All tourism-related business operators are encouraged to propose new programs and products for inclusion in the 1999 marketing plan – particularly in partnership with other private and public sector organizations. Since this plan represents the transition from public to private sector orientation, it will be aimed essentially at providing program flexibility, access and latitude.

Staying in the Loop

The 1999 marketing plan will evolve throughout the year as new initiatives are introduced and existing programs are adjusted and fine-tuned in response to customer and industry feedback. Ontario Tourism will keep tourism operators up to date on new developments as they emerge. Ongoing communication and collaboration are key to enhancing the opportunities for all stakeholders to take full advantage of the programs that will help them succeed and grow their business.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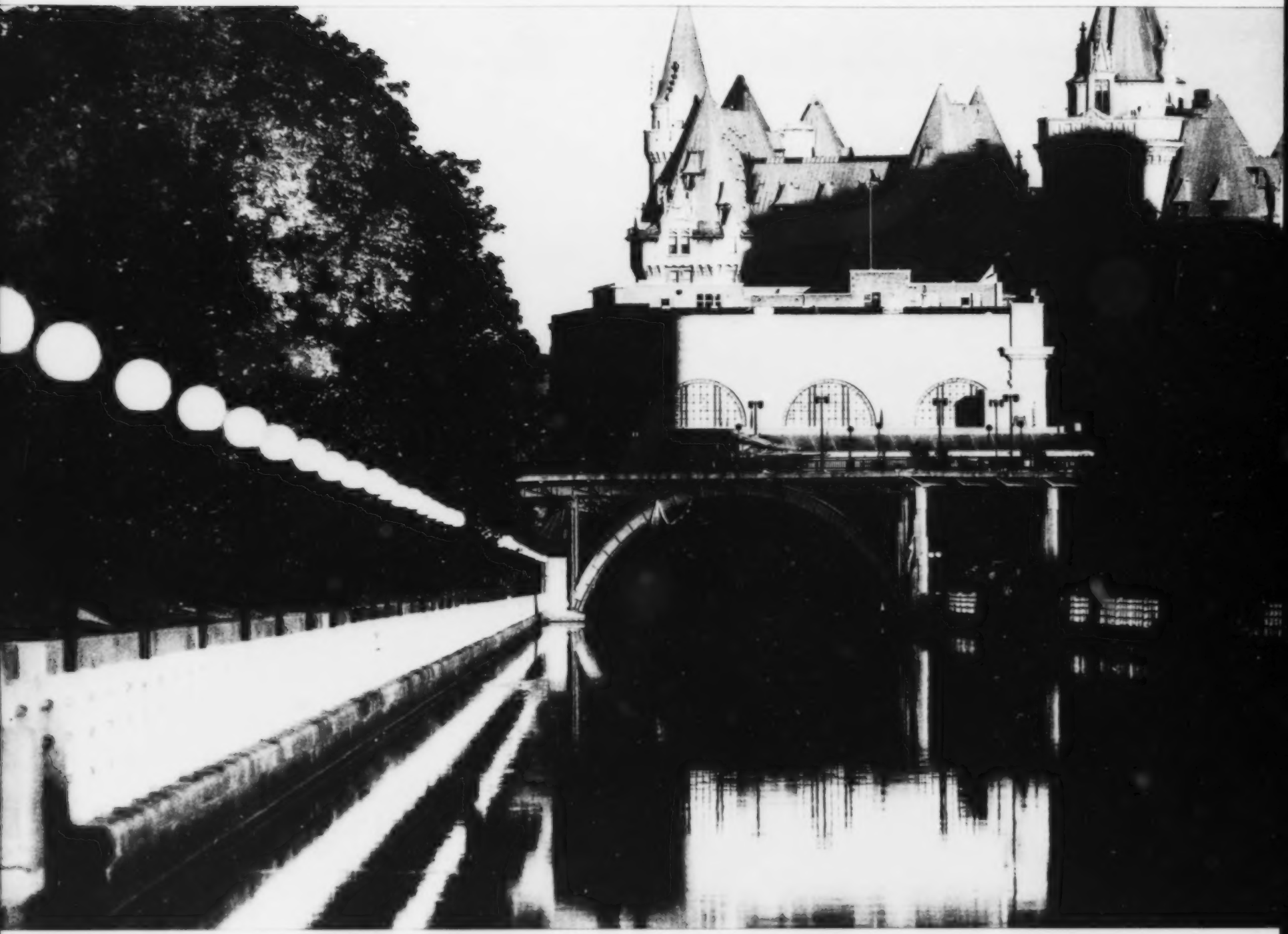
mission statement of tourism marketing task force, april 1997



strategic overview

Ontario's tourism industry had an excellent year in 1998. Overall trips to Ontario (80+ km) increased in the first two quarters by 16.1% over the same period in 1997. The number of Ontario residents taking an overnight trip in the province jumped by 24.6% during the first two quarters of this year.

In the first three quarters of 1998, overnight US border crossings into Ontario rose to 6.49 million visitors – over 11% higher than in the same period last year. Overall international travel to Ontario increased relative to 1997. These gains were made despite declines from overseas markets that resulted from regional financial crises in Asia Pacific markets, as well as the economic restructuring underway in western Europe.

Clearly these increases are a reflection of the decline of the Canadian dollar against its US counterpart, but the industry's gains are also due in part to the re-introduction of Ontario Tourism's domestic advertising and marketing activities. Aided recall of the domestic market's advertising campaign increased from 56% pre-wave in April to 71% post-wave in July and October. This campaign was right on strategy, as 72% of the target market population (Adults, 25+) were targeted through Ontario Tourism's media buys. Inquiries via 1-800-ONTARIO increased by 3.3% – to almost 630,000 calls – over the first ten months of the year. From April to October, over 30,000 callers specifically identified Ontario Tourism ads as the reason for calling. Visits to Travel Information Centres increased 13.6% over the first ten months of 1998 compared to the same period in 1997.

For 1999, the second year of the province's four year commitment to invest $120 million in marketing, Ontario Tourism will continue to market aggressively, working in partnership with tourism-related businesses and key international operators. The goal for 1999 is to achieve revenue increases from pleasure travellers averaging 3% in North American markets, and to minimize erosion and maintain market share from overseas markets that are experiencing economic downturns.

These efforts and investments are critical to rebuilding the province's market share and re-establishing Ontario's image as a must-see destination – among Ontarians, other Canadians, Americans, and other travellers throughout the world. The foundation for achieving these goals will be to build strong partnerships that will focus, strengthen and unify all marketing and promotional initiatives, and target and procure more lucrative customers.

Product strategy

To increase competitiveness and consumer appeal, Ontario Tourism has worked in consultation with industry to package existing products and develop new ones providing greater appeal to target audiences. Supported by comprehensive consumer research, these product offerings, and the resulting marketing initiatives set out in this year's plan, will be organized around the promotion and delivery of three core product lines: City, Touring, and Outdoors.

These product lines encompass the three types of travel experiences in highest demand among Ontario's target audiences, and they provide an ideal context for presenting Ontario's highly diverse product offerings in a clear, simple and highly focused manner. This approach also enhances the central marketing theme – Ontario: More to Discover – and will enable all tourism operators to position their products within a broad, yet well-designed framework that showcases "the best of Ontario."

ONTARIO
CANADA
More to discover

Ontario Tourism's brand theme encourages travellers to visit and stay in Ontario and discover its wonders. Research shows that consumers – especially families – are becoming more price-, value- and safety-conscious. They are attracted to a range of activities, sights and events. With that in mind, Ontario Tourism's brand positioning is intended to acquaint all visitors, domestic and international, with the excellent variety and diversity of what an Ontario vacation has to offer.

Ontario Tourism's Advertising & Communications Agencies

Ontario Tourism's agencies of record are as follow

BBDO (International advertising)
Contact Kevin Callahan, 416-972-1505

Axmith, McIntyre and Wicht (Domestic market advertising)
Contact Cheryl Penman, 416-484-6000

Fuel Inc. (publications)
Contact Lynne Fraser, 416-484-6565

Objectives

Ontario Tourism's 1999 marketing strategy is customer-focused and market-driven. It is based on consumer research resulting in the selection and analysis of target audiences in each of its four markets. In addition to its market research, Ontario Tourism has worked with industry to re-focus Ontario's product strengths and re-evaluate how best to package and present these diverse choices to prospective visitors.

In 1999, Ontario Tourism will pursue key marketing objectives:

- Develop strategies and tactics based on comprehensive consumer research to identify and target priority business opportunities
- Focus marketing efforts on increasing the number of overnight trips – primarily converting US and overseas day trips – due to high revenue potential
- Focus on high yield international markets with private sector partners in Canadian Tourism Commission programs
- Work with industry to package existing products and develop new ones, e.g., events
- Partner with industry to market Ontario aggressively to its residents and international consumers
- Expand private sector partnerships to leverage more marketing dollars
- Maximize the amount of unpaid media exposure to generate awareness and convince consumers to choose Ontario
- Enhance the delivery of travel information – 1-800-ONTARIO, Travel Information Centres, and the Internet
- Reduce the cost of all publications by aggressively increasing advertising

Marketing plan overview

Domestic Markets

For Ontario's domestic markets, the marketing plan focuses on increasing consumer awareness of many more exciting products, building on Ontario's strengths and promoting the diversity of events and destinations that the province has to offer. The major objective is to encourage more Ontario residents to vacation longer and more frequently within Ontario. The exchange for foreign currencies provides an important opportunity to promote the economic benefits of vacationing in Canada, and provides a strong foundation for ensuring that more people choose Ontario. Accordingly, media and promotional programs will take a hard-sell approach to reaching Ontario residents, i.e., 'everything people want is here and the choices are exciting.' The total focus of the domestic marketing plan will be to highlight and emphasize specific travel experiences and product diversity: "Ontario: More to Discover!" Media advertising will focus not only on new, unique and 'undiscovered' experiences, but will also be used to promote greater shoulder and winter season travel more aggressively.

Focusing primarily on Ontario, with Manitoba and Quebec as the key secondary markets, Ontario Tourism will increase residents' predisposition to vacation at home by building on the momentum of its successful 1998 paid advertising campaign. Product positioning will be strengthened through packaging and new product development. The message – 'all you need is right here and is exciting' – will be emphasized throughout both paid and unpaid media exposure and all other promotional resources and activities. New partnering initiatives will focus on developing and promoting niche market opportunities, including new and repackaged destinations and travel experiences, and will continue to emphasize uniqueness, diversity and value. Priority will be given to those partnership proposals that focus on increasing efforts to promote shoulder and winter season activities and events.

The 1999 plan's media strategy will build on the successes of 1998 – namely, through television, radio, and newspaper (inserts and banner ads). Partnering initiatives will include co-op advertising, consumer promotions (for example, coupons, prize give-aways), trade promotions, increased unpaid media exposure and industry-led event marketing, such as festivals and unique events.

United States and the Americas

To increase travel to Ontario from the primary US market, the 1999 marketing plan focuses aggressively on short- and medium haul-markets (Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin). The marketing strategy is designed to reach selected target audiences with an exciting array of product choices for each season and type of travel experience. Consumer advertising will consistently emphasize the value, accessibility and safety of vacationing in Ontario, and will promote the province as a unique, must-see destination. Long-haul market opportunities will also be pursued. Following the lead of CTC, Ontario Tourism will seek to leverage CTC funding opportunities, and to extend this funding on a strategic basis.

Primary media will include television (spring, fall), newspaper (CTC inserts/ January, April-May, and August-September), and in border-state inserts in conjunction with the Ontario domestic campaign (January, May). Several niche markets will be also pursued, primarily aimed at outdoor adventure enthusiasts, avid anglers and snowmobilers by way of specialty magazines and direct mail. Ontario Tourism will also target the American Automobile Association (AAA) as a key partner, and will undertake joint initiatives with the CTC on a strategic basis.

In long-haul markets (major urban centres with direct flights to Ontario cities), Ontario Tourism's goal is to build more consumer awareness and interest. This increased awareness will be monitored through the number of travel information inquiries and requests. Ontario Tourism will focus on the enormous variety of world-class, one-of-a-kind events, experiences and destinations within Ontario's three core product lines. In long-haul US markets, the goal is to increase sales and development of packages and programs through the US travel trade. A key objective is to establish and strengthen Ontario's presence among US tour operators and wholesalers. Ontario Tourism will also launch a long-haul test market campaign to assess consumer interest and evaluate the feasibility of future partner participation. An important component in supporting all US marketing initiatives is unpaid media coverage in large urban markets and in high profile consumer magazines.

Europe

At present, most economies in Europe are undergoing restructuring to facilitate the introduction of the 'Euro' currency standard. Despite recent declines in visitations from Europe, with the UK being the exception, Ontario Tourism is seeking to maintain its current market share – both to minimize further erosion and to ensure Ontario is positioned favourably when the 'Euro' is adopted and European economies begin to recover.

Ontario Tourism will expand its programs in the primary markets of the United Kingdom, Germany, and, to a lesser extent, France. The focus of these programs will be on converting awareness of Ontario into purchase decisions.

The marketing plan calls for greater emphasis on building and facilitating strategic, long-term partnerships with industry stakeholders and with the international travel trade and media. Working with airlines, receptive operators, tour operators and others, Ontario Tourism will seek to increase the range and diversity of packaged product carried by operators selling North American travel product. Educational initiatives, such as familiarization tours, targeting the travel trade and media, will be increased in order to improve the understanding of Ontario's unique, multi-season product lines. Increased unpaid media exposure and media relations initiatives (news releases, press tours) will focus on building greater awareness of Ontario among travel journalists.

Ontario Tourism's strategy will include partnering in a CTC television campaign in the United Kingdom (Dec 98-Jan 99), Germany (Mar 99) and France (Apr 99), with Ontario Tourism buying 15-20 second portions of CTC's 90-second spots. Consumer publications will be provided to European tour operators and wholesalers for direct-to-consumer campaigns focusing on short-term sales of specific products. In the UK and Germany, direct mail will promote winter/shoulder/late fall 1999. In addition, mailhouse support will be used year-round in UK and Germany, where partners' promotional material will be distributed locally in response to qualified consumers' inquiries.

Asia Pacific

Despite the widespread financial crises of 1998 and the resulting sharp declines in tourism receipts, Ontario Tourism will seek to maintain its current market share, both as a means to minimize further erosion and to position Ontario favourably as Asian economies recover.

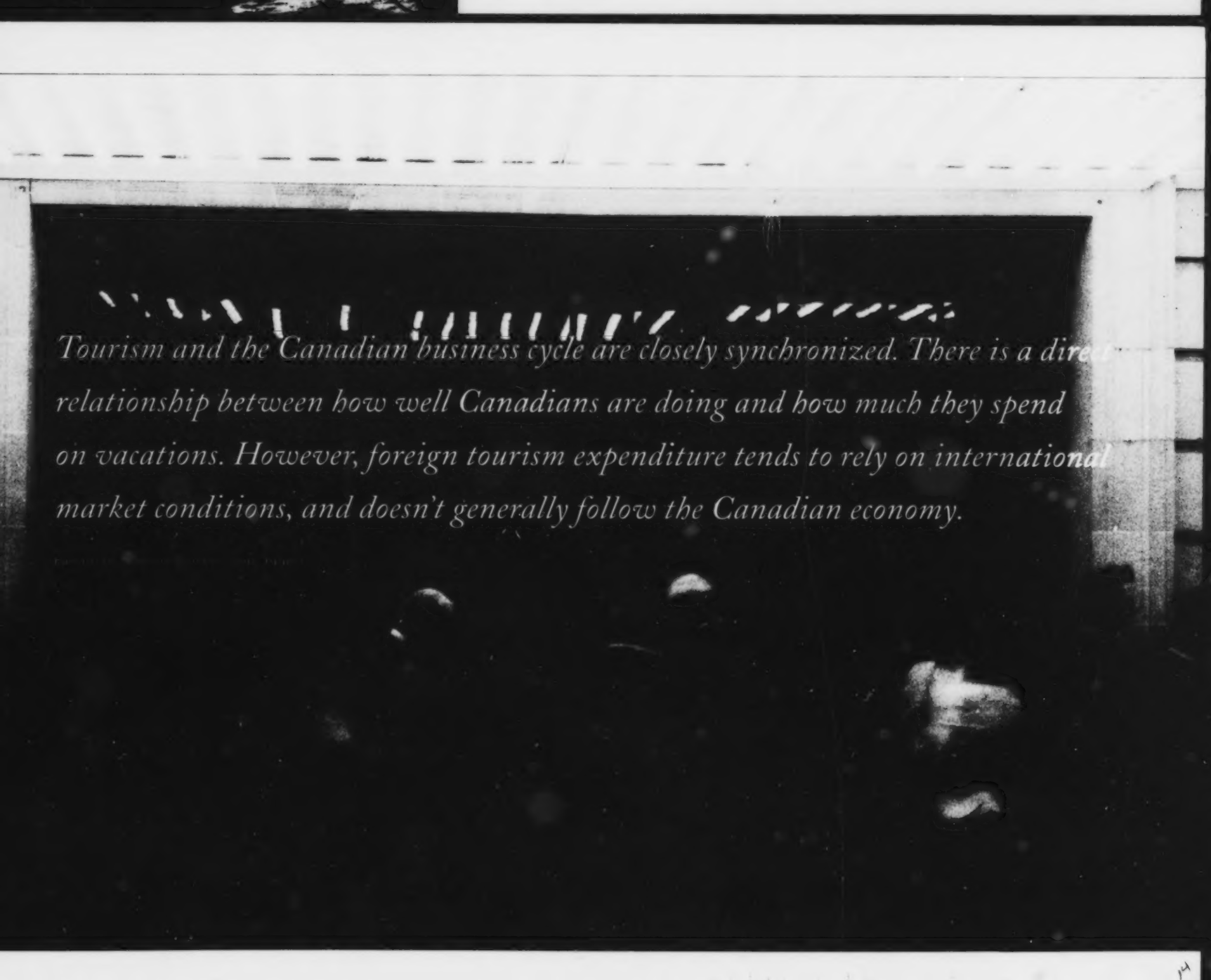
Japan remains Ontario's primary target market, and developing market opportunities will be pursued in Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong. Marketing strategies will focus on strengthening awareness of Ontario, emphasizing its 'gentle nature' in summer and shoulder seasons, as well as the value and uniqueness of Ontario's tourism products and packages.

In Japan, principal advertising activities will include newspaper campaigns in Japan (Nov 98 to Mar 99), and participation in the CTC's subway poster campaign (distribution and exposure). Ontario Tourism will participate in CTC publications, providing both consumer and trade show distribution throughout Asia Pacific markets. Ontario Tourism will support/participate in industry-driven co-op initiatives, with highest priority given to shoulder and winter seasons. Ontario's presence in these markets will be strengthened through attendance at trade shows and marketplaces, media relations and trade promotions activities. These efforts will focus on the province's core product lines and diverse, multi-season experiences.

Cross-market Programs

Cross-market programs include elements, resources and services that support and complement marketing and promotional activities in each of Ontario's tourism markets. Programs include the development and production of publications, media production support and services (including video footage leasing and photography), travel counselling assistance through Travel Information Centres, call centre support for toll-free calls, website-based fulfilment and promotion support, trade show activities, and market research services.

In 1999, a major focal point is the development of a new publications strategy to support more directly the needs of industry partners, and to complement Ontario Tourism's business-driven, consumer-oriented marketing plan. The publications program emphasizes increased impact, lower unit costs, and improved listing opportunities for tourism operators. The 1999 plan includes a dramatically revamped website to increase its value, functionality and consumer appeal. The new website is expected to become the tourism 'gateway' to Ontario – a primary fulfilment service and an integral adjunct to all other communications and promotional activities. Other key cross-market initiatives in the 1999 marketing plan include increased market research for and with industry partners, media production services, and other initiatives aimed at providing improved services to both consumers and industry partners.



Tourism and the Canadian business cycle are closely synchronized. There is a direct relationship between how well Canadians are doing and how much they spend on vacations. However, foreign tourism expenditure tends to rely on international market conditions, and doesn't generally follow the Canadian economy.

1999/2000 Marketing Programs

Ontario Tourism's marketing programs are centered on promoting the Ontario travel experiences and destinations that will have the greatest appeal to select target audiences in each of the province's four markets: Domestic markets, United States and the Americas, Europe, and the Asia Pacific region. The following summarizes the target audiences, products and marketing initiatives developed for each market.

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markets

In 1997, total domestic travel volume in Ontario (greater than 40 km, all trip reasons) declined by 8.8% over 1996. Same day trips declined 7.1%, while overnight trips declined 11.6%. In 1998, there has been a tremendous turnaround. Domestic travel is up, outbound travel declined, revpar (revenue per available room rate) is up, and many tourism operators are reporting a successful year.

In 1999, it is expected that the Canadian dollar will remain low relative to the US dollar and other foreign currencies, and this will again keep many Ontarians from vacationing outside of Canada. Despite the instability of world financial markets, unemployment in Ontario is among the lowest in Canada, and consumer confidence remains stable. Disposable income continues to increase in domestic target market segments. As a result, the number of Ontario residents vacationing at home is expected to increase.

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domestic markets

Customer Profile

Target Audience

Primary target audience: Adults 25+; slight female skew; more frequent and higher-spending travellers.
Emphasis is on adults 25-54, minimum high-school education, with household income of $50K+
Secondary target audience: Adults 55+, minimum high school education, household income of $40K+

Market Segments

Value-oriented Funseekers (VOFs): 34% of market
Younger, family-oriented, value-driven individuals expressing an interest in travelling in Ontario; activity-driven, looking for a multitude of activities, such as festivals and unique events

Outdoor enthusiasts: 22% of market
Similar to VOFs, with preferred activities focusing on outdoors, including both soft and hard adventure

Downtowners: 16% of market
Predominantly 35-54, married, interested in shopping, sightseeing, arts and culture

(Two other secondary market segments, 'Easygoing Seniors' (15% of market) and 'Upscale Explorers' (13% of market), will be targeted on a niche basis)

why ontario?

The following, from a survey of Ontario Residents who travel regularly, lists the most attractive activities in Ontario:

Scenic Drives, Country Inns, Cottages and Resorts, Theatre, Walking/Biking, Festivals, Historic sites, Boat cruises, Wine country touring, City sites, Outdoors/Nature, Bed & Breakfasts

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sources of information for planning a trip to ontario

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Brochures	10% / 22%
CAA/Auto club	9% / 15%
Friends/family	8% / 14%
Travel agency	7% / 12%

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product profile *Note: Product architecture to evolve based on industry's input.

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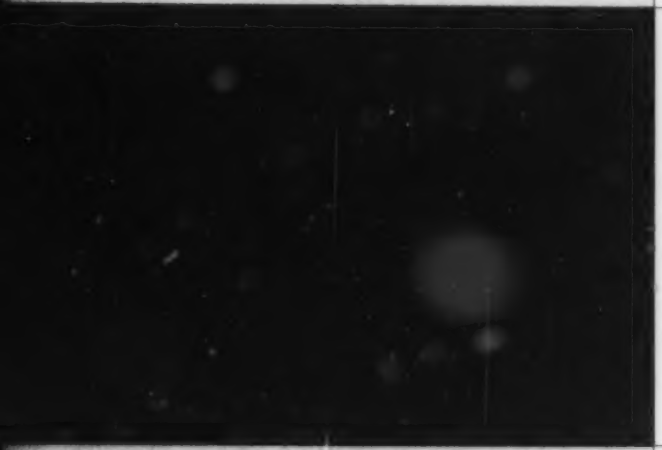	**Festivals** Winter carnivals, lights festivals, maple syrup festivals **Education & enrichment** Wine tasting tours, cooking schools, regional theatre	**Southwest Wine Region** Regional theatre, festivals (e.g., Niagara Blossom festival), Maple syrup festivals **East** Antiques/Heritage, boatlines (open in late May), Maple syrupfestivals **North & Central** Touring product (To be determined)
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Early Spring 1999: Key messaging will focus on persuading consumers to consider an Ontario vacation; Highlights high yield product such as exclusive resorts, unique experiences and product themes (city, touring and outdoor, as identified in product architecture) and high value and exchange rate; Concentration on US major urban/long-haul markets; A fly/drive component will be incorporated; CTC programs concentrate on major US urban long-haul markets; Ontario Tourism participates in CTC programs on a strategic basis	**March-Sept 1999:** Three-phase campaign targets each of three specialty markets to establish Ontario's position as the premier North America destination for outdoor adventure and angling enthusiasts; Highlights high yield product such as exclusive resorts, unique adventure experiences and outdoor product, as well as high value and exchange rate; High value & accessibility would be emphasized; **March-April, November 1999:** CTC Adventure program and Snowmobile program respectively
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Festival Country
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Media Promotions: News Releases, press tours, Syndicated Broadcasts and Broadcasts from Barrie Travel Information Centre	Other Trade & Promotional Initiatives
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Trade Promotions & Advertising: Group Tour Brochure/Promotion	Trade Promotions: "Unique & Different" Marketplace
May-December 1999: Highlight diversity of Ontario product, with focus on soft outdoor recreational products, theatre, touring/heritage events & festivals, and fall harvest – all emphasizing "More to Discover" theme; Goal is to promote and sell group tour packages	**November 1999:** One-day, with consideration for 2 days; Marketplace geared towards domestic & nearby US tour operators & media; Highlights new, upgraded, unique and different tourism product; Structure would be free-flow
Province-wide; Target: Adults 50-75, HHI $40K+; To be distributed through travel trade and to consumers through 1-800-ONTARIO and Travel Information Centres; Consideration also for insert in "Seniors" Magazine, CAA's "Leisureways" magazine, and related publications	To be determined; Likely to be in Toronto to encourage greater US participation
Decision making/purchases (first-time & repeat) facilitated – consumers have information to plan group trip; Increased consumer & trade awareness of product; Increased awareness of consumer-friendly packaging of product through travel trade; Increase in sale of group tour packages	Greater awareness of Ontario's tourism products; Introduction of new & updated Ontario product; Promotional opportunity for the North American market; Increase in new tour programs
Development & distribution of group tour brochure; Linked to consumer promotion; Partners: OMCA & tour operators; Advertising/fulfilment opportunities for/by industry	Partners will be able to book booth space (availability dependent on facility); Marketplace partners could also provide facility, sponsor meals/breaks; familiarization tours, directory and general marketplace operation; Proposals for hosting marketplace will be considered; OMCA will partner for third time
To be negotiated; Likely to be based on level of participation, advertising and fulfilment/ distribution; Full Program to be announced by February 28, 1999	Based on length of Marketplace; Cost for booth space and directory listing would be between $250 – $500; Partners will be responsible for their own travel expenses; All other sponsorship costs to be negotiated
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Partners can synchronize media stories with consumer advertising & other promotional activities; Partners host media tours/events and cover all related costs; Story ideas also supplied for broadcast through Barrie Travel Information Centre; Partners will have access to province's Media Contact Database	***Familiarization tours:*** Partners host tours and cover related costs ***'Trade Secrets' newsletter:*** Key communication vehicle providing up-to-date industry news and product knowledge
Typically in-kind services, and cash on "as-needed" basis, negotiated on a per project basis	***Trade familiarization tours:*** Typically in-kind services, and cash on an as-needed basis – negotiated on per project basis; Partners can indicate availability of in-kind services and willingness to host tours ***'Trade Secrets' newsletter:***Editorial is published free of charge; Story ideas must be received at least 2 months prior to publication; Low-cost enhanced advertorial listing (restricted space) available for approximately $250
Emphasis on shoulder and winter seasons; Partners can indicate availability of in-kind services and willingness to host tours/events	***Trade familiarization tours:*** Negotiated on per project basis
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Trade Promotions & Advertising: Group Tour Brochure/Promotion	Trade Promotions: "Unique & Different" Marketplace
May-December 1999: Highlight diversity of Ontario product, with focus on soft outdoor recreational products, theatre, touring/heritage events & festivals, and fall harvest – all emphasizing "More to Discover" theme; Goal is to promote and sell group tour packages	**November 1999:** One-day, with consideration for 2 days; Marketplace geared towards domestic & nearby US tour operators & media; Highlights new, upgraded, unique and different tourism product; Structure would be free-flow
Province-wide; Target: Adults 50-75, HHI $40K+; To be distributed through travel trade and to consumers through 1-800-ONTARIO and Travel Information Centres; Consideration also for insert in "Seniors" Magazine, CAA's "Leisureways" magazine, and related publications	To be determined; Likely to be in Toronto to encourage greater US participation
Decision making/purchases (first-time & repeat) facilitated – consumers have information to plan group trip; Increased consumer & trade awareness of product; Increased awareness of consumer-friendly packaging of product through travel trade; Increase in sale of group tour packages	Greater awareness of Ontario's tourism products; Introduction of new & updated Ontario product; Promotional opportunity for the North American market; Increase in new tour programs
Development & distribution of group tour brochure; Linked to consumer promotion; Partners: OMCA & tour operators; Advertising/fulfilment opportunities for/by industry	Partners will be able to book booth space (availability dependent on facility); Marketplace partners could also provide facility, sponsor meals/breaks; familiarization tours, directory and general marketplace operation; Proposals for hosting marketplace will be considered; OMCA will partner for third time
To be negotiated; Likely to be based on level of participation, advertising and fulfilment/ distribution; Full Program to be announced by February 28, 1999	Based on length of Marketplace; Cost for booth space and directory listing would be between $250 – $500; Partners will be responsible for their own travel expenses; All other sponsorship costs to be negotiated
To be confirmed upon announcement; Financial commitment likely to be required by March 31, 1999	Location of marketplace & criteria for participation will be announced by mid-April 1999; Pending availability, deadline for confirmation of participation will be July 31, 1999
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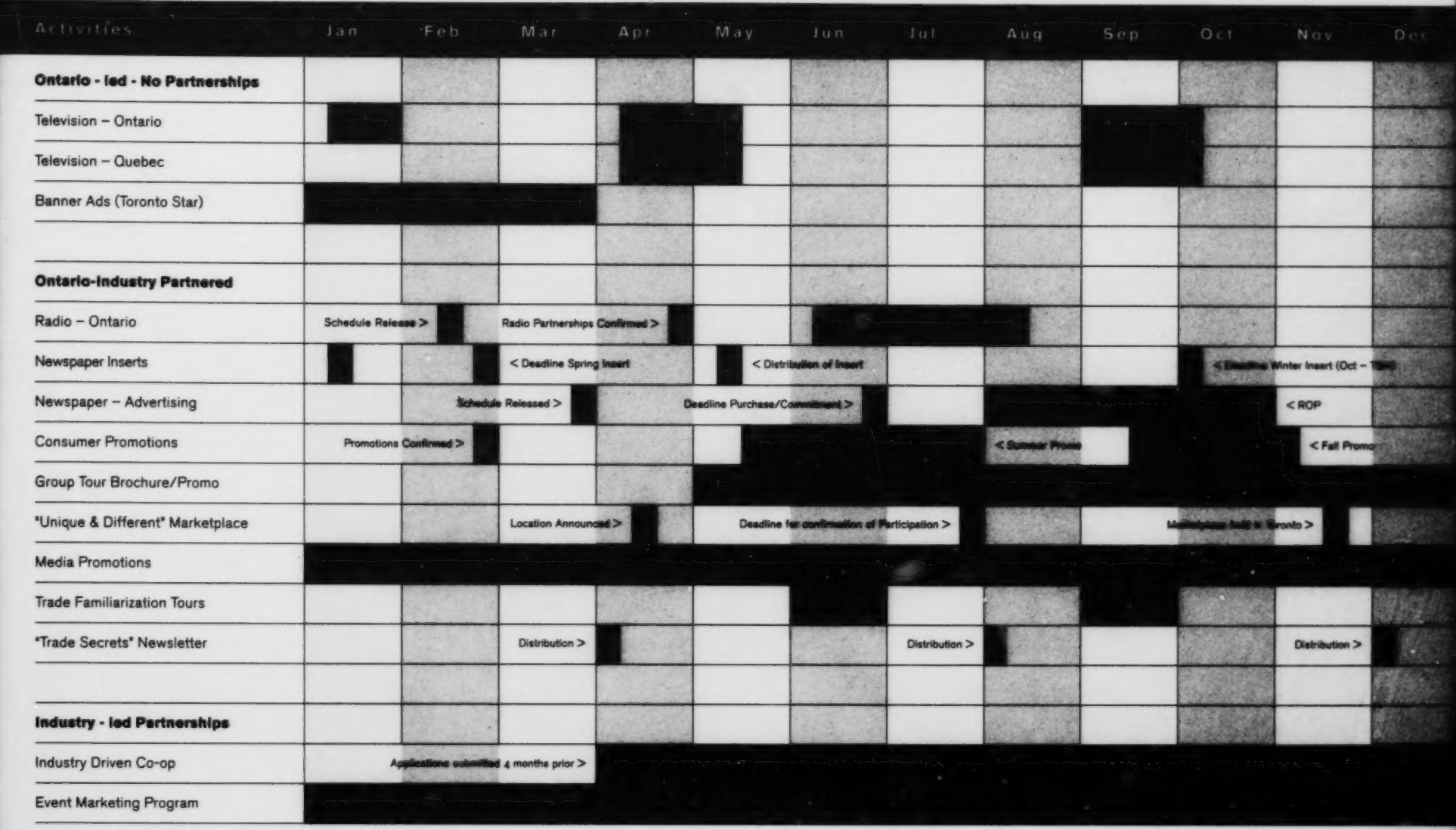

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Sustained growth in leisure travel from the US to Ontario is projected to continue well into 2000. In 1999, Ontario will continue to benefit from the low exchange rate. The US economy is expected to grow, US consumer confidence remains high, and disposable income in US target markets is increasing. As a result, the US market will continue to provide Ontario's greatest growth opportunities.

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Customer Profile

TARGET AUDIENCE, MARKET SEGMENTS

Primary target audience: Short- to medium-haul markets: Adults 35-64, minimum high school education, with household income of $50K+. The emphasis is on travellers who've never visited Ontario. Baby boomers – 35-54, and the wealthiest and the best-educated generation ever – will continue to be avid travellers as they age. They have an affinity for nature and authenticity, and they seek out new experiences, enrichment and all-inclusive packages.

Long-haul markets: Adults, 35-64, minimum college education, with household income of $60K+, with focus on travellers who have never visited Ontario.

Secondary target audience: Adults 25-34 who have never visited Ontario

Ontario Tourism's US target audiences are consistent with those identified in the CTC's 1999-2000 US Leisure Communications Program. CTC research identifies the following as those consumers most likely to visit Canada:

- Mature segment: 55+ with household income of $US50K+
- Working middle-aged: 45-54 with household income of $US70K+
- Younger boomers: 35-44 with household income of $US70K+

ontario's greatest image weaknesses

How do Americans perceive Ontario? The following shows the greatest weaknesses of Ontario' image as a vacation destination:

- Not affordable to get get there
- Not affordable to eat there
- Accommodation is perceived expensive
- Not great for golfers
- Too far away
- Not easy to get there
- Lacks professional sports
- Bad weather in fall
- Lacks good camping
- Inadequate RV facilities

None of these attributes are a priority in terms of generating travel intent, however, affordability is crucial in terms of closing the sale, and is a likely barrier for Ontario.

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Attractions
Theatre, Professional sports, Shopping

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why ontario?

The following lists Ontario's top ten image strengths, as compared with key US and Canadian competitors:

- Different cultures/way of life
- Good for couples
- Interesting customs/traditions
- Good for an adult vacation
- Exciting casinos
- Unique scenery
- Beautiful gardens, parks
- Excellent fishing
- Interesting cities
- Safe in tourist areas

Of these ten attributes, only 'Good for couples' and 'Good for an adult vacation' are among the top ten 'hot buttons' for generating travel demand

ontario tourism u.s. image research, 1998

Marketing Focus

Goals

- Position Ontario as a premier, four season destination
- Establish strategic long-term partnerships to increase and enhance Ontario's presence
- Develop tactical partnership opportunities for Ontario operators, destinations and regions

Objectives

- Grow overnight pleasure traffic to Ontario from the US by 3%
- Increase partnership investment in co-op programs
- Source new, non-traditional partners
- Increase calls to 1-800-ONTARIO in response to paid consumer advertising
- Increase development and sales of Ontario packages and programs through the US travel trade
- Increase the amount and value of unpaid media coverage in the US (print, broadcast, on-line)

Strategy

Ontario Tourism will employ a distinct marketing strategy for both its long-haul markets and medium-/short-haul markets, respectively. The appropriate product lines and media and promotional vehicles will be selected for each of these markets, as shown in the accompanying charts.

Strengthen Ontario's Image

- Increase consumers' consideration of Ontario as a must-see travel destination
- Convert increased travel consideration into more overnight trips

Strengthen Ontario's Presence Among Tour Operators and AAA

- Through the travel trade, focus on the development of new Ontario products offered to the independent and group traveller
- Increase sales of existing Ontario packages offered through the travel trade

Deliver an Integrated Campaign

- Provide common creative positioning across all marketing tactics
- Synchronize advertising, trade relations, and public relations functions
- Build synergy through coordination of paid advertising campaign, travel trade relations and media relations

Provide Comprehensive Fulfilment

- Provide consumers with a variety of broad-based and niche publications aimed at enhancing and lengthening their visits

Highlight Ontario's Unique and Diverse Products

- City: Shopping, dining, theatre, multicultural experience
- Touring: Cultural and heritage touring, rural theater, shopping/antiquing
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US/Long Haul Test Market	US Advertising - Avid Angling, Snowmobiling & Outdoor Adventure
Early Spring 1999: Key messaging will focus on persuading consumers to consider an Ontario vacation; Highlights high yield product such as exclusive resorts, unique experiences and product themes (city, touring and outdoor, as identified in product architecture) and high value and exchange rate; Concentration on US major urban/long-haul markets; A fly/drive component will be incorporated; CTC programs concentrate on major US urban long-haul markets; Ontario Tourism participates in CTC programs on a strategic basis	**March-Sept 1999:** Three-phase campaign targets each of three specialty markets to establish Ontario's position as the premier North America destination for outdoor adventure and angling enthusiasts; Highlights high yield product such as exclusive resorts, unique adventure experiences and outdoor product, as well as high value and exchange rate; High value & accessibility would be emphasized; **March-April, November 1999:** CTC Adventure program and Snowmobile program respectively
Test markets to be determined (California is under consideration); Intention is to test the viability of a long-haul market for consumer interest/consideration, as well as to determine partner interest and participation, e.g., air & ground transportation companies, hotel chains & North American tour operators	Campaigns in mid-west states targeted at outdoor adventure consumers, avid anglers and snowmobilers; Media would include vertical publications/specialty magazines, with special editions specifically targeted; Emphasis is on those partners with ability to deliver to close proximity markets; Outdoor and Adventure magazines include: "Outside," "Backpacker;" "Canoe & Kayak;" In the snowmobiling market, direct mail and magazine advertising will also be utilized; Avid angling programs include TV and magazine advertising; CTC Adventure program includes magazine advertising (7 key publications); Snowmobile program: direct mail and magazine
Increased consumer awareness; Awareness converted to short & long term decisions/purchases; Increased enquires & bookings for partners; Decision making/purchases facilitated	Decision making/purchases facilitated – consumers have information in-hand; Increased consumer awareness of seasonal products; Repeat purchases encouraged
Partner-driven campaign, with either CTC or Ontario Tourism leading the initiative: Partner selects media coverage, timing, creative, and tag-on sales pitch for promotional spots; Ontario Tourism provides creative, media selection/purchase; Fulfilment: joint province & partner (possibly CTC): toll-free telephone, Internet, partner brochures & packages; Partner develops/maintains consumer contact; Ontario suppliers have opportunity to work with tour operators to get their product into fulfilment brochures	Partner-driven via participation in fulfilment pieces, which would include a new adventure guide, "Ontario's Snow Country" snowmobile publication, and, under consideration, a fishing packages brochure; Partner opportunities include advertorial, display advertising & direct-to-consumer packages; Partners may fulfil consumer requests directly or in partnership with province via 1-800-ONTARIO/website; Information on participation in CTC's adventure & snowmobile programs available on request
Opportunities exist for major partners such as air & ground transportation companies, hotel chains & North American tour operators; Ontario suppliers have opportunity to work with tour operators, on commissioned basis, to get their product into fulfilment brochures	Display advertising in fulfilment piece ranges from $500 to $5,000; Cost for advertorial & direct-to-consumer initiatives would be negotiated as requested and based on availability; CTC Adventure Program: $495-34,000
Initiative would be confirmed by January 1999; Schedule & costs would be released	Opportunities are on a "First Come, First Served" basis; Upon release of details, industry will negotiate/purchase preferred promotional package
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Newspaper	Newspaper Inserts (Domestic & US border cities)
January 1999 – June 1999: Key messaging will focus on reasons to travel sooner rather than later (e.g., exchange rate and value); Concentration on regional itineraries and product themes (city, touring and outdoor); Fly/drive component will be incorporated in selected markets; Ads to appear in the Sunday travel section; **April-May, Aug-Sep 1999:** CTC inserts in urban markets, highlighting cities, touring & resorts; Other newspaper opportunities to be determined	**May 1999:** Minimum 48 Pages; All-encompassing, multi-experience advertorial; summer & fall **January 2000:** 32 pages (Sales close Aug. 1999); Town & Country, Winter Outdoors, City, Festivals & Events (on a limited basis)
Newspaper ads focus on major dailies in selected short- and mid- haul markets, and potentially, may run year-round to include promotion of shoulder seasons; CTC undertakes activities in San Francisco, Dallas, Boston, New York, Minneapolis	Select dailies across province; Consideration for distribution in Montreal, Quebec, and US border cities
Increased consumer awareness; Increased calls to 1-800-ONTARIO; Decision making/purchases facilitated; Consumers encouraged to extend day trips to overnight, and to extend overnight trips to additional nights	Decision making/purchases facilitated – Consumers have information in-hand; Increased consumer awareness of seasonal products; Repeat purchases encouraged
Partner-driven campaign: Partner selects timing, media coverage, creative, and specific promotional spot; Ontario Tourism provides "umbrella" – creative, media selection/purchase, and fulfilment support through 1-800-ONTARIO and website; CTC partnerships promote Ontario within "Canada" context	Partner-driven campaign: Partner has opportunity to promote product(s) throughout Ontario (and potentially Quebec/US border cities); Partner has creative input, placement in insert and direct fulfilment support; Ontario Tourism provides "umbrella" – creative, media selection/purchase, and fulfilment support through 1-800-ONTARIO and website
Cost will vary by market and frequency (1998/99: for SINGLE Newspaper insertion, price range was US$500 – $2700); To improve impact, recommended minimum of 3 insertions per market; CTC cost identified in "1999/2000 US Leisure Communications Plan"	Varies by size of ad & commitment; Spring Insert: Variety of options, from short listings to full page, select; CPM efficiencies for additional Quebec & US border cities; Options, schedule & cost will be available by December 31, 1998, for spring insert
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US/Long Haul Test Market	US Advertising - Avid Angling, Snowmobiling & Outdoor Adventure
Early Spring 1999: Key messaging will focus on persuading consumers to consider an Ontario vacation; Highlights high yield product such as exclusive resorts, unique experiences and product themes (city, touring and outdoor, as identified in product architecture) and high value and exchange rate; Concentration on US major urban/long-haul markets; A fly/drive component will be incorporated; CTC programs concentrate on major US urban long-haul markets; Ontario Tourism participates in CTC programs on a strategic basis	**March-Sept 1999:** Three-phase campaign targets each of three specialty markets to establish Ontario's position as the premier North America destination for outdoor adventure and angling enthusiasts; Highlights high yield product such as exclusive resorts, unique adventure experiences and outdoor product, as well as high value and exchange rate; High value & accessibility would be emphasized; **March-April, November 1999:** CTC Adventure program and Snowmobile program respectively
Test markets to be determined (California is under consideration); Intention is to test the viability of a long-haul market for consumer interest/consideration, as well as to determine partner interest and participation, e.g., air & ground transportation companies, hotel chains & North American tour operators	Campaigns in mid-west states targeted at outdoor adventure consumers, avid anglers and snowmobilers; Media would include vertical publications/specialty magazines, with special editions specifically targeted; Emphasis is on those partners with ability to deliver to close proximity markets; Outdoor and Adventure magazines include: "Outside," "Backpacker," "Canoe & Kayak;" In the snowmobiling market, direct mail and magazine advertising will also be utilized; Avid angling programs include TV and magazine advertising; CTC Adventure program includes magazine advertising (7 key publications); Snowmobile program: direct mail and magazine
Increased consumer awareness; Awareness converted to short & long term decisions/purchases; Increased enquires & bookings for partners; Decision making/purchases facilitated	Decision making/purchases facilitated – consumers have information in-hand; Increased consumer awareness of seasonal products; Repeat purchases encouraged
Partner-driven campaign, with either CTC or Ontario Tourism leading the initiative: Partner selects media coverage, timing, creative, and tag-on sales pitch for promotional spots; Ontario Tourism provides creative, media selection/purchase; Fulfilment: joint province & partner (possibly CTC): toll-free telephone, Internet, partner brochures & packages; Partner develops/maintains consumer contact; Ontario suppliers have opportunity to work with tour operators to get their product into fulfilment brochures	Partner-driven via participation in fulfilment pieces, which would include a new adventure guide, "Ontario's Snow Country" snowmobile publication, and, under consideration, a fishing packages brochure; Partner opportunities include advertorial, display advertising & direct-to-consumer packages; Partners may fulfil consumer requests directly or in partnership with province via 1-800-ONTARIO/website; Information on participation in CTC's adventure & snowmobile programs available on request
Opportunities exist for major partners such as air & ground transportation companies, hotel chains & North American tour operators; Ontario suppliers have opportunity to work with tour operators, on commissioned basis, to get their product into fulfilment brochures	Display advertising in fulfilment piece ranges from $500 to $5,000; Cost for advertorial & direct-to-consumer initiatives would be negotiated as requested and based on availability; CTC Adventure Program: $495-34,000
Initiative would be confirmed by January 1999; Schedule & costs would be released	Opportunities are on a "First Come, First Served" basis; Upon release of details, industry will negotiate/purchase preferred promotional package
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January 1999 – June 1999: Key messaging will focus on reasons to travel sooner rather than later (e.g., exchange rate and value); Concentration on regional itineraries and product themes (city, touring and outdoor); Fly/drive component will be incorporated in selected markets; Ads to appear in the Sunday travel section; **April-May, Aug-Sep 1999:** CTC inserts in urban markets, highlighting cities, touring & resorts; Other newspaper opportunities to be determined	**May 1999:** Minimum 48 Pages; All-encompassing, multi-experience advertorial; summer & fall **January 2000:** 32 pages (Sales close Aug. 1999); Town & Country, Winter Outdoors, City, Festivals & Events (on a limited basis)
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Increased consumer awareness; Increased calls to 1-800-ONTARIO; Decision making/purchases facilitated; Consumers encouraged to extend day trips to overnight, and to extend overnight trips to additional nights	Decision making/purchases facilitated – Consumers have information in-hand; Increased consumer awareness of seasonal products; Repeat purchases encouraged
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Cost will vary by market and frequency (1998/99: for SINGLE Newspaper insertion, price range was US$500 – $2700); To improve impact, recommended minimum of 3 insertions per market; CTC cost identified in "1999/2000 US Leisure Communications Plan"	Varies by size of ad & commitment; Spring Insert: Variety of options, from short listings to full page, select; CPM efficiencies for additional Quebec & US border cities; Options, schedule & cost will be available by December 31, 1998, for spring insert
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Program details will be available by January 1999	Emphasis on four seasons; Partners can indicate availability of in-kind services and willingness to host tours/events
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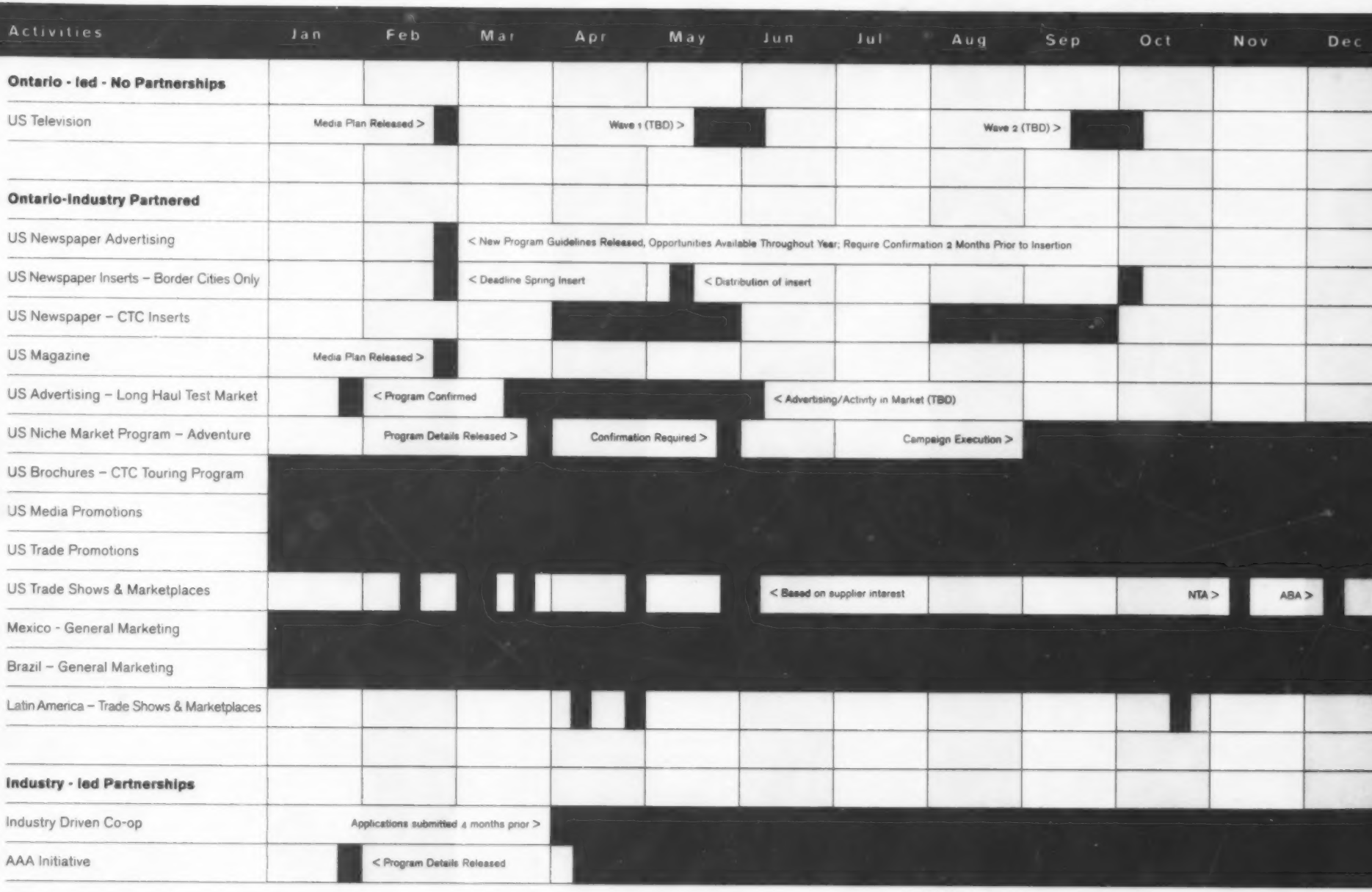

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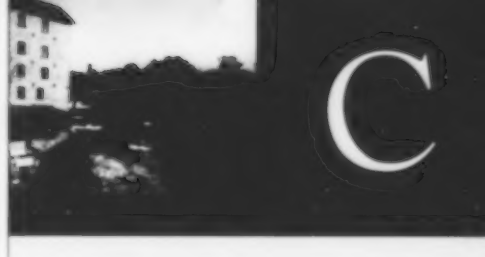

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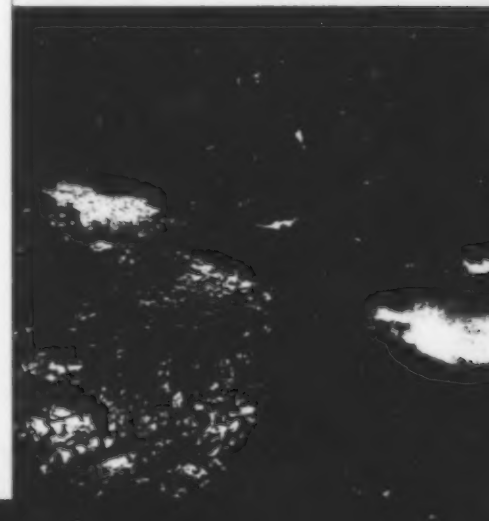

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Marketing Strategy

Goals

- Position Ontario as a premier, four season destination – popular, diverse and exciting
- Convert awareness to visitation
- Establish strategic long-term partnerships with industry stakeholders and key international travel trade

Objectives

- Strengthen the appeal of Ontario's three main product lines
- Expand programs in key markets
- Work with Ontario-based partners to expand travel trade opportunities

Strategy

Strengthen Ontario's image

- Continue to build awareness within an overall Canadian marketing context (CTC)
- Build sales in UK and Germany through independent solo campaigns
- Focus on multi-season experiences and products

Deliver an Integrated Campaign

- Ensure a common message and product focus in all elements of campaigns, with consistent messaging throughout advertising, media and travel relations, publications and packages

Increase and Generate New Unpaid Media Coverage

- Maintain and build strong relationships with consumer and travel trade media
- Synchronize media/trade relations with advertising and other marketing activities
- Continue to increase niche coverage, targeting high-end lifestyle magazines

Focus on Ontario's Three Core Product Lines

- Emphasize diversity of the trip experience
- Focus on how these different trip types change from season to season
- Highlight Ontario's unique selling propositions and niche market destinations and experiences

Increase Sales of Ontario's Packaged Products

- Increase the range and diversity of products carried by North American operators
- Educate the travel trade on product offerings – for example, through product testing tours
- Work with airlines, receptive operators, tour operators and suppliers to create high-value, competitive packages

	Europe: Industry-Driven Co-op Initiatives	France Travel Trade Initiatives Timing/Message
	April 1999 – March 2000: As driven by product architecture, focus is on hard sell outdoor recreational product, touring, and new, unique & different, with preference for shoulder & winter season; Must be new: new market, medium, product, partnerships and/or consumer promotion	**March or November 1999 (To be determined):** "Thematic Ateliers:" Undertaken in partnership with the CTC, host thematic information sessions and participate in sales missions to selected tour operators to raise French travel trade industry's awareness of excitement & diversity of Ontario's product, and its ability to fulfil French consumers' tastes; Partners would host subsequent product-testing tours
	As identified in proposals	Primarily major urban centres (e.g. Paris, Lyon); Tour operators & travel agents
	Consumer awareness of Ontario's product strengths; Increased purchase of Ontario tourism product	Increased travel trade awareness of Ontario; Increase in Ontario product available through French travel trade; Increase in consumer packages booked through the travel trade
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	To ensure reasonable impact, suggested minimum funding for individual initiatives is $50,000; Matching contributions would be available from the Province, i.e., Industry would provide a minimum of $25,000 per initiative	"Thematic Atelier:" Refer to CTC European Marketing Plan; Registration cost expected to be approximately $3,000; Partners are responsible for own travel costs; Partners host product testing tours, typically in-kind services and cash on an as-needed basis – negotiated on per project basis
	Applications must be received at least 6 months prior to start of the initiative; Funding may be reduced or rescinded based on non-performance of contract with Province/Partners	Program to be confirmed by January 1999
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	Europe: Industry-Driven Co-op Initiatives	France Travel Trade Initiatives Timing/Message
Timing/Product message	**April 1999 – March 2000:** As driven by product architecture, focus is on hard sell outdoor recreational product, touring, and new, unique & different, with preference for shoulder & winter season. Must be new: new market, medium, product, partnerships and/or consumer promotion.	**March or November 1999 (To be determined):** "Thematic Ateliers." Undertaken in partnership with the CTC, host thematic information sessions and participate in sales missions to selected tour operators to raise French travel trade industry's awareness of excitement & diversity of Ontario's product, and its ability to fulfil French consumers' tastes. Partners would host subsequent product-testing tours.
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UK & Germany Mailhouses

Year-Round 1999-2000: Consumer brochure distribution service through UK & German mailhouses

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Increased distribution of brochures Decision making/purchases facilitated – consumers have preliminary information to plan trips; Increased awareness of specific Ontario products

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Partners are only responsible for shipping costs (from Ontario to UK/Germany); Costs are based on weight/size/delivery time-frame of shipment

Ongoing; Two months notice required to ensure in-market representatives are properly informed of product and can promote brochure as part of fulfilment to enquires

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Newspaper: National press, Weekend editions; Distribution throughout UK	Print (media mix to be determined); Distribution to major German urban centres	As determined by in-market partners (and their associated consumer mailing lists), and by appropriately targeted travel agents
Increased consumer awareness & inquiries; Increased sales of Ontario product	Increased consumer awareness & inquiries; Increased distribution of Ontario & Partner tourism publications; Increased intention-to-travel to Ontario	Decision making/purchases facilitated – consumers have preliminary information to plan trips; Increased sales of seasonal & specific Ontario products
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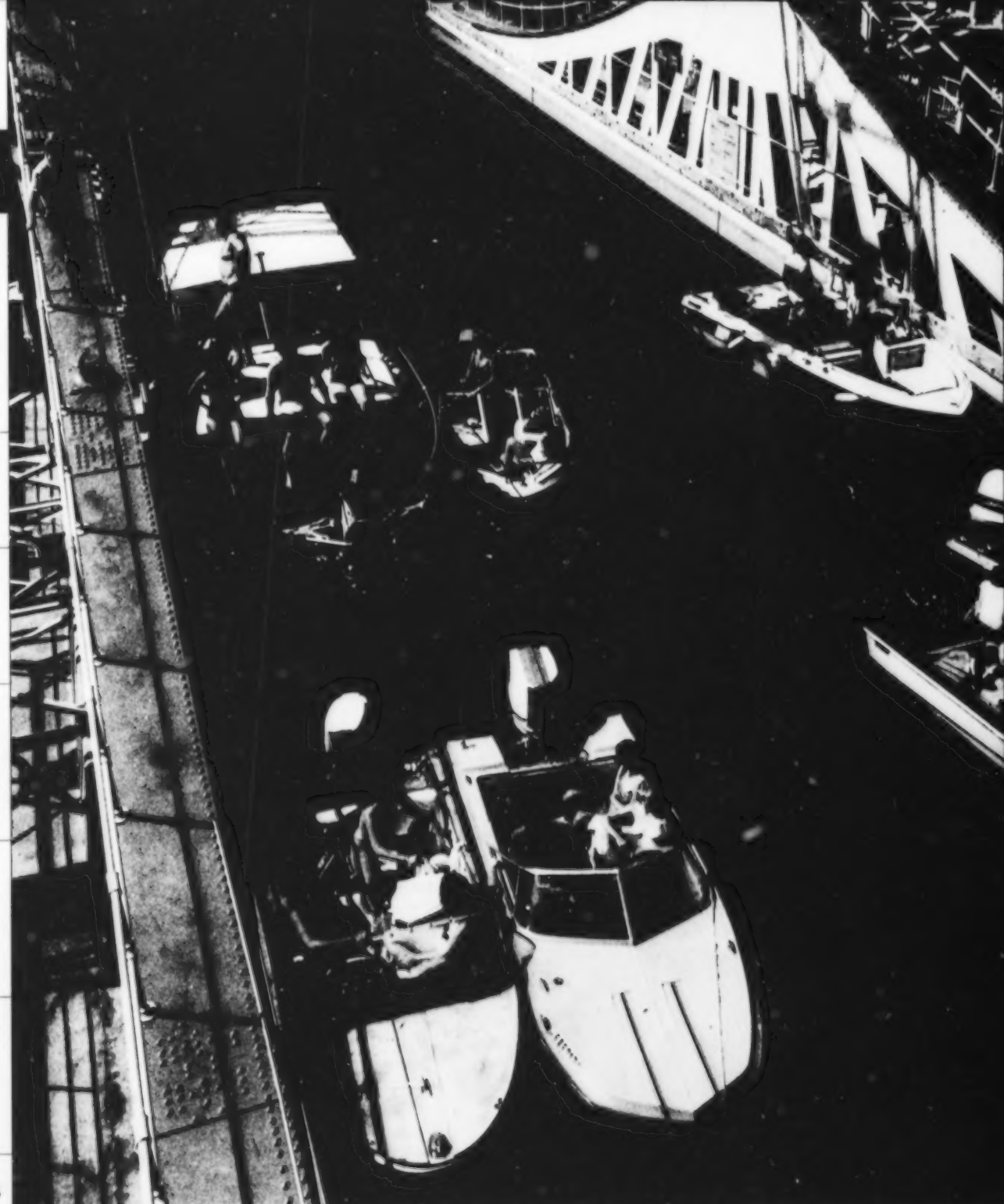

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November 1 – March 31 every year: Product Familiarization: Goal is to raise Italian travel trade's awareness of Ontario's winter product	**January – December 1999, Ongoing/Year-round:** Highlights diversity of Ontario product to European travel trade (tour operators, wholesalers); Goal is to familiarize European travel trade with breadth of Province's tourism offerings, to facilitate the inclusion of Ontario product in their promotions/sales of individual & group tour packages
Throughout Italy (primarily major urban centres); Italian travel industry and selected Italian-based airline sales staff	Familiarization tours are delivered province-wide (general promotion & as identified by travel trade requests)
Increased travel trade awareness of Ontario; Increase in winter consumer packages booked through the travel trade	Improved knowledge of Ontario's product offerings; Increased Ontario product in European tour operator brochures; Increased purchase of Ontario tourism product
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Expected results	Increased consumer awareness of Ontario tourism product; 3rd party endorsement for tourism products; Increased Unpaid media coverage	Increased consumer awareness of Ontario tourism product; 3rd party endorsement for tourism products; Increased Unpaid media coverage
	Synchronize media stories with consumer advertising & other promotional activities; Partners – Host media tours/events and cover related costs	Partners – Provide story ideas (pro-active) & Host media tours/events (reactive) and cover related costs Expectation is media will undertake subsequent press tour & eventually provide unpaid coverage. November 1999 initiatives pending based on performance of similar 1998 initiatives
Estimated cost	Typically In-Kind Services, and cash on as-needed basis – negotiated on per project basis	Typically In-Kind Services, and cash on as-needed basis – negotiated on per project basis
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1999 program schedule **European Trade Shows and Marketplaces**

	BIT International Tourism Exchange	Spotlight Canada	International Tourismus	European Incentive, Business Travel and Meetings Show (To be determined)	World Travel Market (To be determined)
Date	Feb 24-28, 1999	Mar 1-3, 1999	Mar 6-10, 1999	May 1999	Nov, 1999
Location	Milan, Italy	London, England	Berlin, Germany	Geneva, Switzerland	London, England
Target Audience	Travel trade, Media, Meetings & Incentive trade	Travel trade, Media, Meetings & Incentive trade	Travel trade, Consumer, Media	Meetings & Incentive trade	Travel trade, Media
Description	Opportunity to meet with Italian media and travel trade; Annual event, typically attracting 4800 exhibitors from around the world	Opportunity to meet with up to 100 UK tour operators, incentive travel firms and media at a single, highly focused event; Typically attracts 2800 travel professionals from across Europe	World's top tourism fair; Opportunity to showcase product to over 50,000 travel trade representatives	Opportunity to meet with European incentive and business travel buyers	UK's largest trade show; Opportunity to showcase product to tour operators and wholesalers
Partner cost	Registration: $Cdn 1,500; Coordinated by CTC & MEDTT	Registration: $Cdn 2,500; Coordinated by CTC & MEDTT	Registration: $Cdn 3,000; Coordinated by CTC & MEDTT	Registration: $Cdn 3,500; Coordinated by CTC & MEDTT	Registration: $Cdn 4,000; Coordinated by CTC & MEDTT
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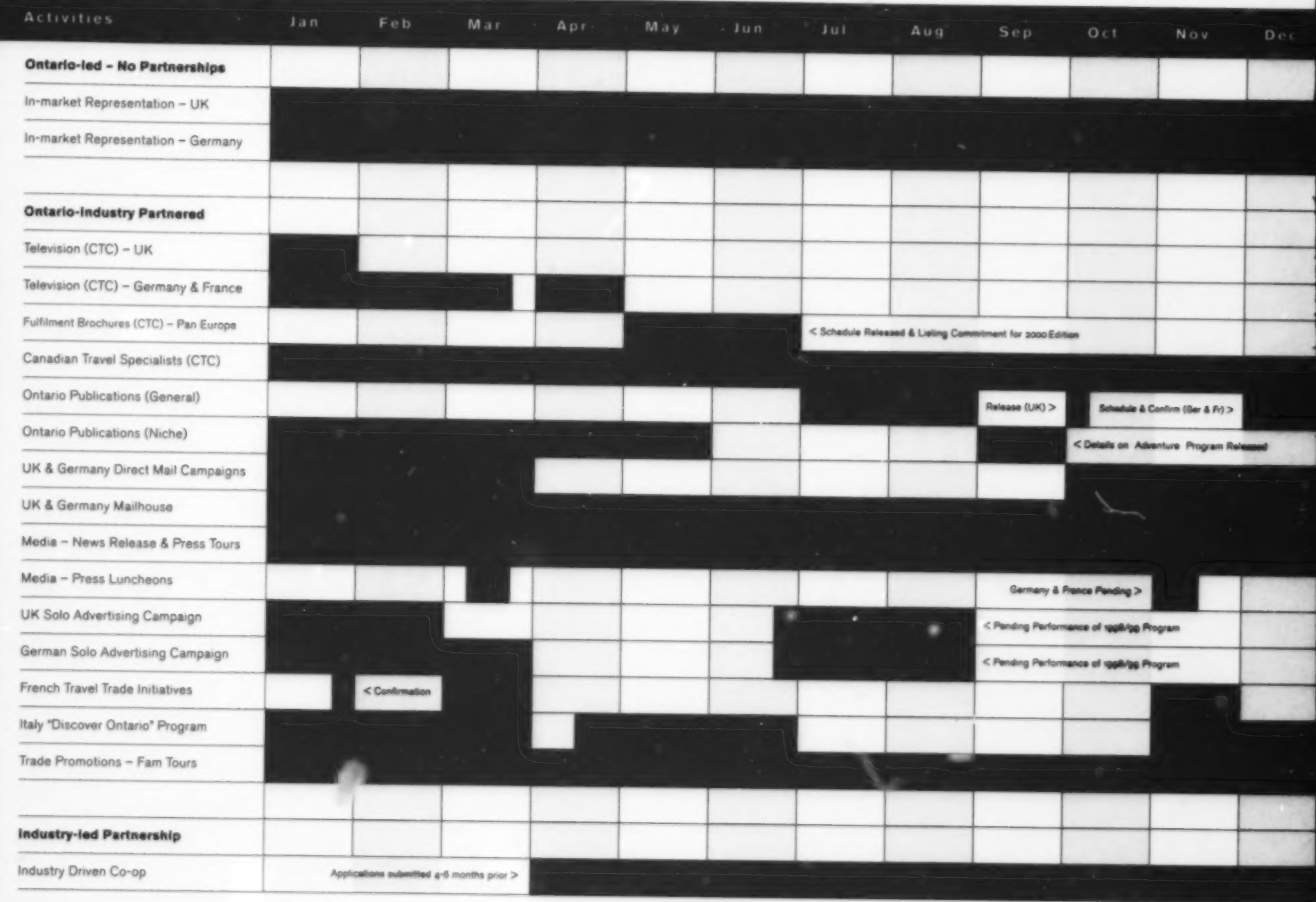
european markets 1999 – blocking chart marketing activities by month



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Major economies in the Asia Pacific region were in decline in 1997, and are undergoing significant structural adjustments. The Asian financial crisis has affected most economies throughout the world. As a result of continuing financial crises in the region, 1998's travel volumes and revenues from Asian markets continued to decline, showing only slight recovery towards year-end. Among Japanese travellers, Ontario took over as the number one destination for visitors in terms of overnight visits (38% share). This was mainly due to interest in Niagara Falls. The stay-per-visit average remained flat, but expenditures per night have increased.

The outlook for 1999 is pessimistic. Further declines and continued lower visitation levels are expected over the next two years. For travellers in these markets, the trend is toward an increased predisposition to domestic and intra-regional travel, as well as greater price sensitivity. Consumers will steer away from destinations perceived to be expensive.

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Customer Profile

Target Audience, Market Segments

Middle-aged and 'silver-haired' couples (43% of trips): Adults 45+, travelling with and without families; affluent, conservative, interested in self-fulfilment and safety, appreciative of the 'Zen of Nature'

Honeymoon couples: Adults 18-29; Niagara Falls is a premier romantic icon

Office Ladies (19% of trips): Single working women, 18-44; attracted to group/package travel

Shugaku Ryoko (Students): Youths and young adults 16-21; they consider Ontario a safe place to learn English; appreciate friendly Canadian culture; influence family and friends to visit province

Developing Markets

Taiwan: families, young educated travellers

Hong Kong: 'Chuppies' – young affluent travellers, families

Australia and New Zealand: families, middle-aged retired couples, young educated travellers

consumer trends: japanese travelling overseas

Canadian tourism operators should take note of the following trends in outbound travel from Japan:

- Declining real costs of travelling to many long-haul destinations due to growth of charter destinations, especially in Southeast Asia, Australia and Europe
- An increasingly mature and sophisticated market that is more willing to explore far-flung destinations
- Package choices are an important factor in closing the sale
- Customer service, cultural sensitivity and language proficiency are important
- There is growing interest in specialized outdoor products at long-haul destinations (e.g., adventure, nature/outdoor activities and learning vacations)
- Safety continues to be an important factor

ontario tourism consumer tracking; japan travel bureau, and world tourism organization: 1997 and 1998

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product profile *Note: Product architecture to evolve based on industry's input.

	Winter (December - March)	Spring (April - June)
	Events and Festivals Consumer shows, other indoor & outdoor activities ***Attractions*** Theatre & performing arts, professional sports, indoor and outdoor attractions ***Activities and Experiences*** Shopping, dining ***Special interest tours*** Hospitals/Seniors/Homes/Critical care/Social and technical programs	***Activities and Experiences*** ***Attractions*** Festivals (Tulip festivals, 1999 Japan Festival), shopping
	Festivals Winter carnivals, Lights festivals, Maple syrup festivals, Las Vegas-style shows, Add-on touring products Regional Touring product to be determined: N.B. Reverse seasonality opportunities with southern hemisphere markets	***Southwest/East*** Spring Maple Route Heritage (especially British Canadian history), Wine region Festivals (e.g., Niagara Blossom festival), Golf (starting 1st week of April), Maple syrup festivals, short cruises ***Student programs*** Homestay/ESL (English as a Second Language) Touring ***North & Central*** Touring product to be determined
	Soft adventure Small guided tours, aimed at younger and repeat visitors, combined with touring products – dogsledding, sleighrides, 'Night-vision' tours, resorts & apres ski, etc.	***North*** Wildlife, Provincial parks (open in May) ***Southwest/East*** Ecotourism: Birding (migration, trumpeter swans), Spring blossom Walks Provincial parks, Butterfly migration, Golf (starting 1st week of April)

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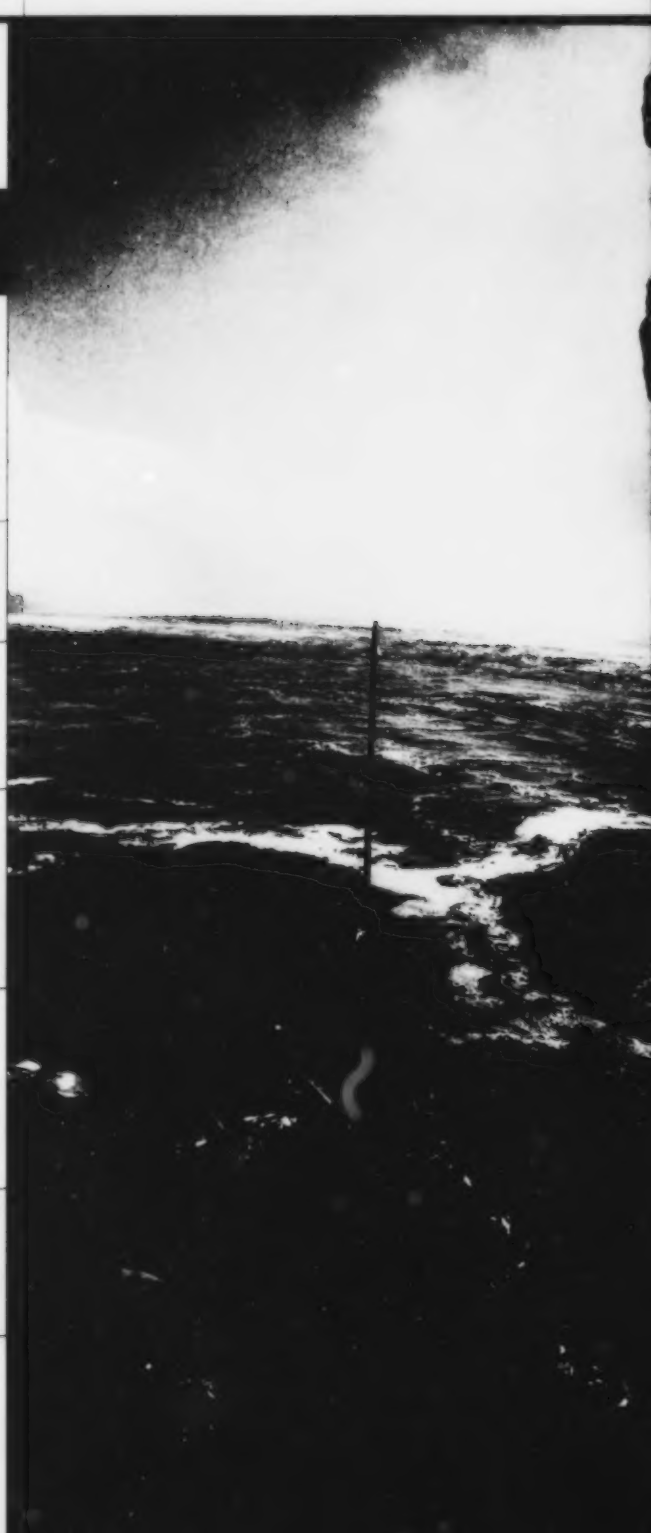

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Traditional media: TV, print & newspaper; but also high-end niche/lifestyle & Internet	Components include promotional video, travel trade manual (distributed directly to key trade clients), educational visits and seminars, client consultation; Familiarization tours are delivered province-wide (general promotion and as identified by travel trade requests)
Increased consumer awareness of Ontario tourism product (beyond Maple Route); Third party endorsement for tourism products; Increased unpaid media coverage	Improved knowledge of Ontario's product offerings; Increased Ontario product in key Asia-Pacific tour operator brochures; Increased purchase of Ontario tourism product
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Directed to the third tier markets of South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, India, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, etc.; Media & travel trade: These markets are serviced on an as-needed basis	Varies according to market area; Distribution to consumers, as well as trade activities, undertaken through CTC and tour operator programs
Increased awareness of key Ontario tourism product; Increased unpaid media coverage; Demonstration of MEDTT support of the CTC and Canadian carriers in these markets	Increased trade & consumer awareness and increased product demand; Increased awareness of seasonal product' Increased unpaid media and PR activities
Opportunity to provide in-kind services to media/travel trade familiarization tours from these areas; Occasionally, media and travel trade guests are hosted in conjunction with CTC/airline programs	Varies by market; CTC newsletter: $500-5,000; CTC publications: $1,000-10,000; Canada Touring program: To be determined; Trade and consumer educational seminars: Buy-in opportunity from $2,000; Display advertising available to partners (e.g., in transportation, accommodation) and through tour operators' brochures; As identified in CTC Asia Pacific marketing plan and MEDTT consultations with the industry; Consumer/trade advertising in partnership with CTC, airlines and tour operators
To be negotiated; No specific resources are allocated to these markets	Various cost options available; Program guidelines for 1999/2000 will be made available as programs are developed
As requested by program sponsors	As identified in CTC and Ontario Tourism marketing plans; CTC and Ontario Tourism are open to discussion of strategic partnership opportunities in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia/New Zealand
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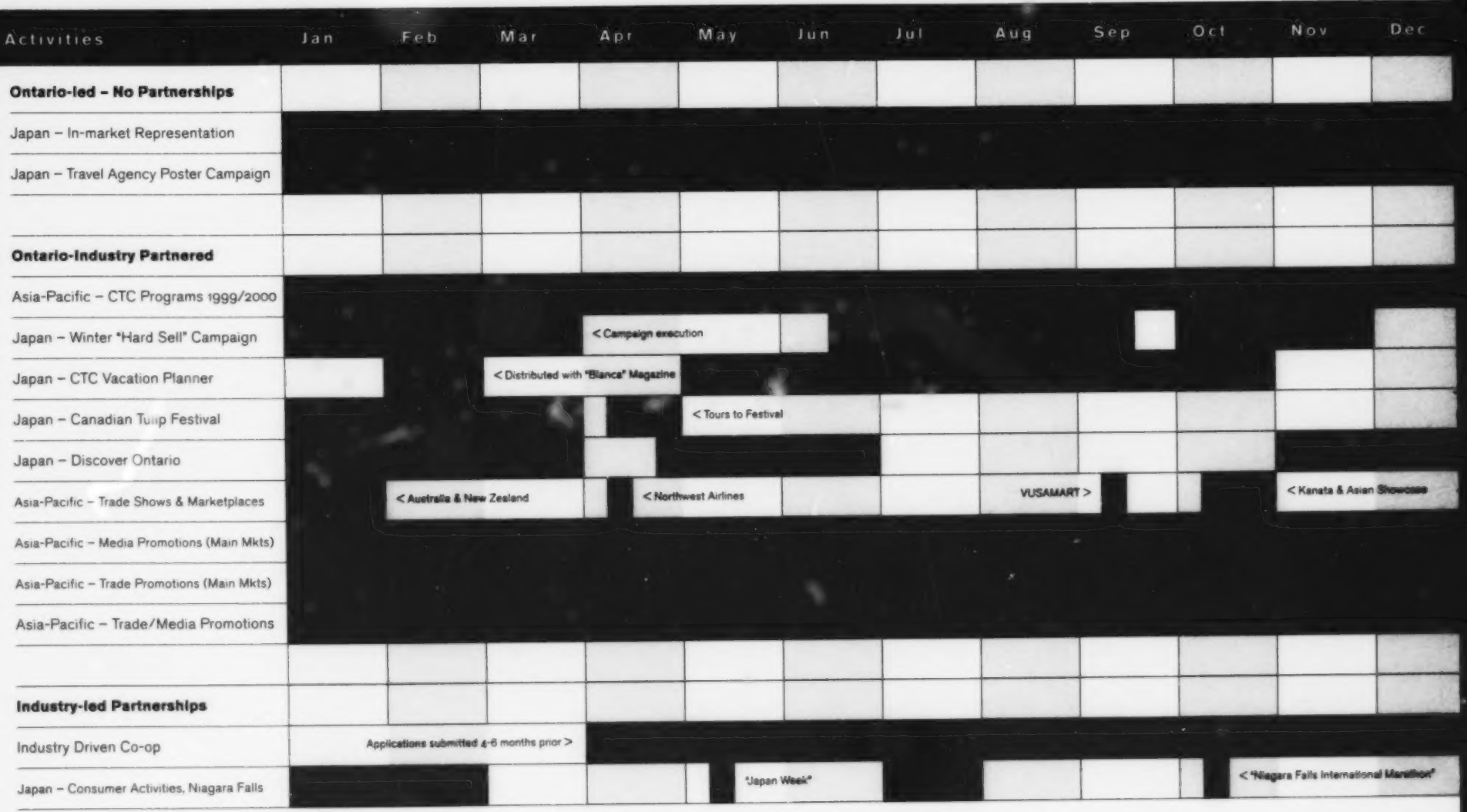

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Ontario Tourism's cross-market programs include a broad range of activities, resources and services used in all market sectors. Cross-market programs support the marketing, promotion, research and planning, and communication needs of Ontario Tourism. Operators can use cross-market programs and services to bundle a variety of resources – publications, co-op advertising, website support and other consumer fulfilment tactics – to build an integrated and cohesive marketing resource system. As in all other aspects of this marketing plan, cross-market programs for 1999 will be consumer-oriented and business-driven.

cross-market programs

Goals

- Fulfil Ontario's advertising efforts with high-quality consumer-friendly materials
- Creation of new channels of fulfilment distribution
- Provide industry partnering opportunities to extend marketing budgets, fulfilment support & topical tourism research
- Make the consumer's first service contact with Ontario Tourism a welcoming and helpful experience
- Build relationship with the consumer

Objectives

- Maintain and grow forums for interacting with travel trade (e.g. marketplaces).
- Development of "one-stop" shopping for advertising sales by bundling publications and paid media, including the development and delivery to partners of a comprehensive 18-24 month sales kit
- Increase partner participation in publication program
- Increase value for advertising dollar to partners by bundling products
- Conduct and disseminate up-to-date research
- Improve development and industry access to multi-media resources
- Improve customer service both to consumers and industry

Publication Strategy

The most visible cross-market program is Ontario Tourism's publications – fulfilment, promotional, and other information brochures. Much of this material is used throughout Ontario's tourism industry. In 1999, the Ontario Tourism partnership will implement a new publications strategy that aims to increase the value of these resources to tourism operators – providing better quality, higher impact and more efficient use of resources. All publications will be strongly consumer-focused, with messaging formats and style that are consistent with all other consumer-oriented communications, including advertising and public relations.

Expanded Website Support

Internet communications will be adopted as a cross-market initiative to serve as a primary fulfilment source. In early 1999, a new website will be developed with the goal of providing a direct 'gateway to Ontario.' The website seeks to consolidate the relationship between current MEDTT Tourism and Travelinx websites. Its purpose is to simplify and enhance the consumer's search for travel information, to provide continuity with other communications, and add value to these activities by providing consumers responsive, on-line support.

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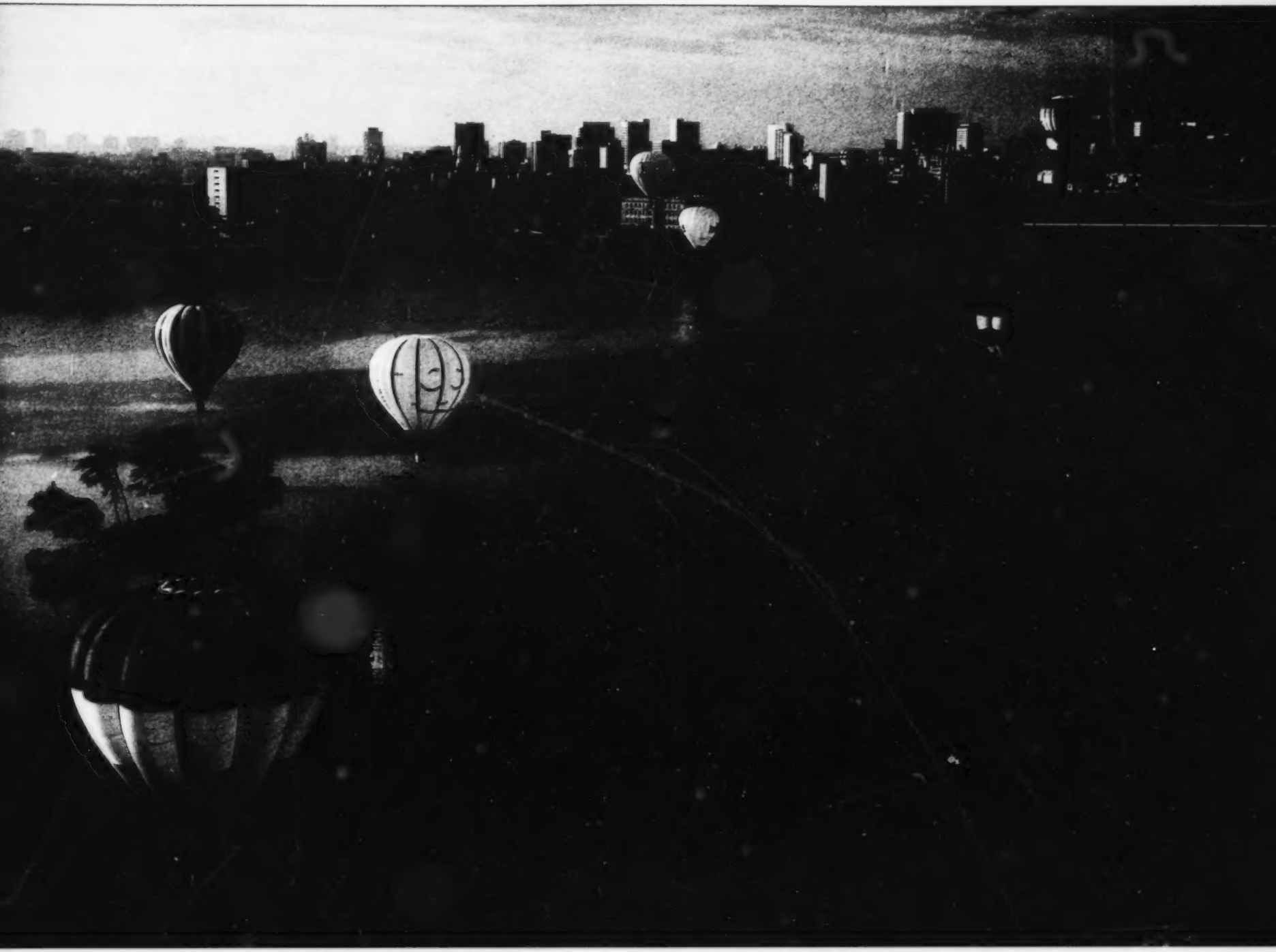

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Date	Feb 7-9, 1999	May 9-12 1999	Sep-Oct 1998 (To be confirmed)
Location	Hamilton ON	Halifax NS	Ontario
Target Audience	Travel trade	Travel trade, Media	Travel trade, Media
Description	Opportunity for 85-95 Ontario tourism suppliers to meet with approx. 70 receptive operators from North America who deal in overseas markets; 1 1/2 day marketplace; Pre- and post-familiarization trips provide product testing opportunities	Canada's premier tourism marketplace; 385 buyers from around the world will meet in a business forum with approx. 700 Canadian suppliers (70 from Ontario)	Approx. 70 international tour operators and media from 27 countries are invited to participate in a 1 1/2 day show/business forum with Ontario tourism suppliers; Pre- and post-familiarization trips provide product testing opportunities
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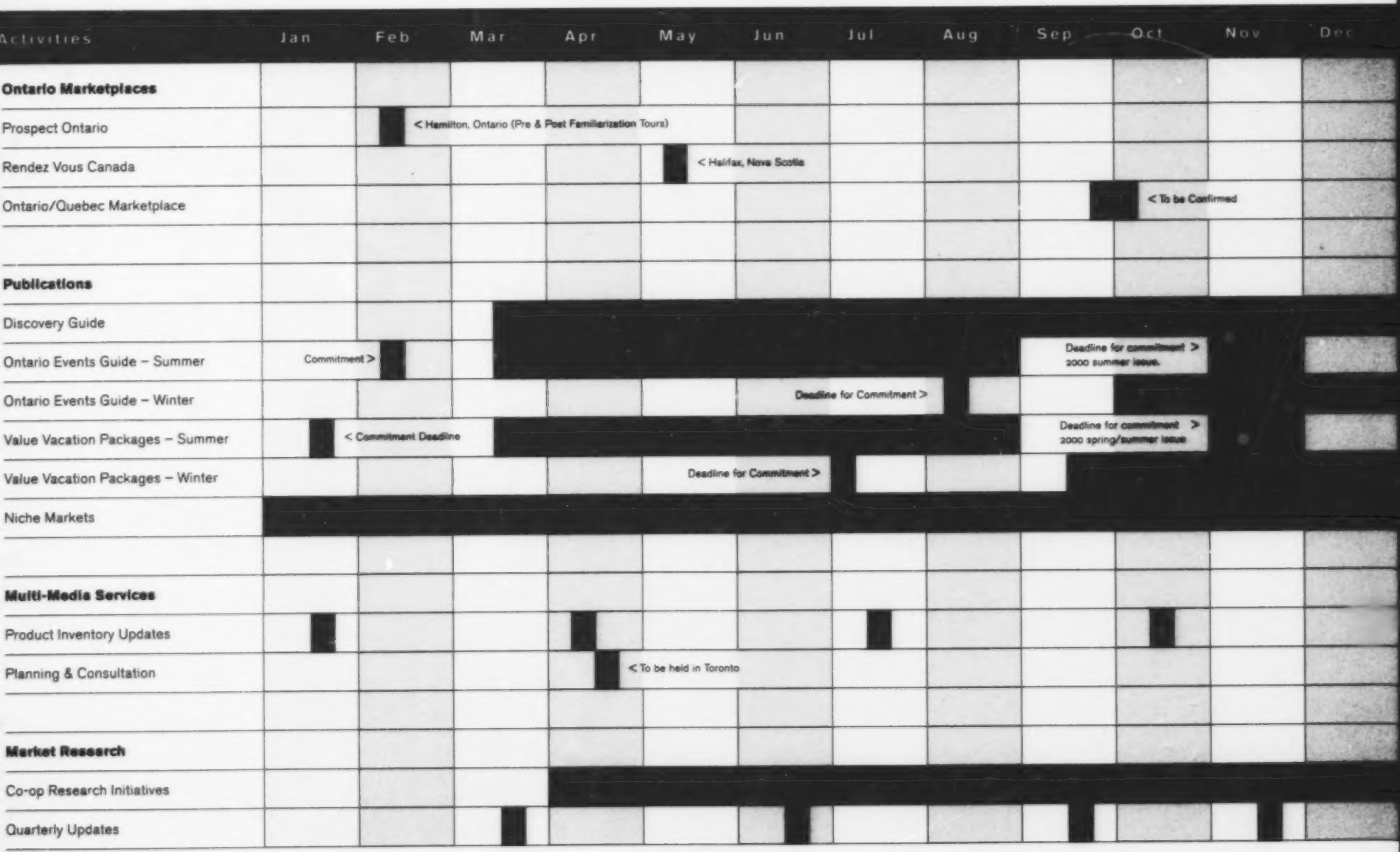
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